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Governor's Office, U. S. Naval Asylum,

Philadelphia, Febry 9th 1850

To The Rector, Church wardens & Vestry men of Christ Church Chapel. Philadelphia.

Gentlemen

At a meeting of the Congregation of Christ Church Chapel held in the Chapel on Sunday afternoon the 8th inst, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to wait upon your Honorable body to present certain Resolutions adopted by the Congregation in regard to the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between the asst. Minister in Charge, the Revd G. Woolsey Hodge, and the Congregation of Christ Church Chapel. Will you designate such time and place as may suit your convenience to receive us.

Very Respectfully &c

D. W. Fairfax U. S. N.

Anthony E. Stocker M.D

At a meeting of the Vestry of the Church of the Mediator held Monday Mar 22 1880 the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted, and a copy ordred to be sent to the authorties of Christ Church

Whereas. The Bishop of the Diocese in a letter to the Rector of Christ Church recently published, used the following language in relation to the proposed separation of Christ Church Chapel from Christ Church

"My opinion is that any separation would be, in violation of a most solemn compact entered into between the parties organizing the Chapel and the rector and vestry of Christ Church; that it would be a violation of a tacit understanding between the rector and vestry of Christ Church and the Bishop and standing committee, who gave their consent to its existence solely on the ground that it was to be an integral part of Christ parish. On no other ground should I have given my consent, It would be an act of great injustice to the Parish of the Mediator" and Whereas in the further language of the Bishop, the "reluctant acquiescence" of this parish was only yielded on the ground that it (Christ Church Chapel) was not to be an independent Church) therefore

Resolved. That the Rector Wardens and Vestry of the Church of the Mediator respectfully and earnestly request the authorities of Christ Church not to allow the separation of the Chapel from the parish Church but to prevent what would be "an act of great injustice to the parish of the Mediator"

Resolved. That the foregoing Preamble and Resolution be communicated by the Secretary of the Vestry to the Rector Church Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church

P. M. Lewis

Secretary

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Philadelphia. March 30th 1880

To the Rector Church Wardens and
Vestrymen of Christ Church Philadelphia

Gentlemen/

Being deeply interested in the welfare and prosperity of the venerable parish of Christ Church and as contributors to the building of Christ Church Chapel we beg leave to ask your attention to the following facts. On February 12th 1874, a printed "Address to all who have been at any time connected with Christ Church or who may be interested in it" was issued by the Rector, Assistant Minister and Committee of Vestry of the Parish. calling attention to the change of condition of the Church owing to the tide of permanent population having set away from its locality it being left in the midst of a business district, whereby interest was diverted from it and thereby it was in danger of being sacrificed to commercial uses unless some means could be devised for its preservation and setting forth "that the establishment of a Chapel in the Western part of the city would be the most effectual." The address, a copy of which is enclosed, concludes as follows;" An effort is now made to build a Chapel, and the Committee charged with the work hope that all to whom this is addressed

all sympathize with them in their anxiety for the preservation of Christ Church, with its important charitable trusts, and they are convinced that this can be surely attained only in the successful accomplishment of the present project for which they earnestly solicit the interest and aid of all Churchmen in whatever way they may deem it best to extend it."

That sometime in the year 1875, the Board of Managers to whom the care of the Chapel had been committed by your body issued a second printed appeal "to all friends of the Parish to aid them ~~xx xxxx~~ in their endeavors to erect at once a permanent building" That in response to these appeals we did contribute and pay our subscriptions for the purchase of a lot and erection of a building to be used only by the Parish of Christ Church for its Chapel. On the 9th of February 1876, your body adopted a resolution which provided "That in order to facilitate the carrying on of Christ Church Chapel, the management of the same be delegated to such persons as to be known as the Christ Church Chapel Board of Management, to be composed of six members of the Vestry of Christ Church and six members from the regular attendants of the Chapel" The action of this Board

was to be "subject always to the appeal and control of the Vestry of Christ Church". In accordance with this resolution, six vestrymen and six attendants at the Chapel were chosen to be the Christ Church Chapel Board of Management. This Board of Management having purchased the premises on Pine Street west of 9th Street "for the purpose of erecting a Church, School House, Parsonage and other proper and necessary buildings connected therewith for the use of Christ Church Chapel" a resolution Sept. 27, 1876, elected six of their body, to take a conveyance of said property as trustees for the Christ Church Chapel Board of Management. The conveyance was made October 21, 1876 to these six gentlemen "in trust for the uses and purposes of the above named Board, known as 'The Christ Church Chapel Board of Management' and of its successors as it shall from time to time be composed."

On the 7th day of December 1876 the consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese was given Christ Church Philadelphia to erect a Chapel and establish a congregation on the north side of Pine Street above 9th Street; the Bishop and Standing Committee gave their consent with its exclusion solely on the ground that it was to be an

an integral part of Christ Church Parish" and on no other ground could said consent have been given. Upon the premises there was erected with the monies contributed by us and others, a building for a Chapel for Christ Church, which was opened as such by the Bishop of the Diocese June 9, 1877.

In June 8th a circular report of the operations of Christ Church Chapel for the previous year was issued with an appeal added asking for additional contributions to enlarge the building. This printed report opened "Those who have contributed towards & been interested in the building of a Chapel for Christ Church in the western part of the city, will be glad to hear of the success which has attended the enterprise" and was signed by the Rector of Christ Church, the Assistant Minister in charge of the Chapel and by the Board of Management. In May 1879, a similar circular report and appeal was issued similarly signed.

For reasons well known to your body the resignation of the Assistant Minister of Christ Church in charge of the Chapel was demanded by the Rector of Christ Church early in January of the present year and was made to the Rector and Vestry of the Church and accepted by your body February 4th. 1880

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to take effect on the 15th day of March following.

On the afternoon of Sunday, July 8. 1880. there was a meeting of a portion of the congregation of Christ Church parish held in the Chapel when certain resolutions were adopted to the effect that if your body refused to reconsider the acceptance of the resignation of the Assistant Minister in charge of the Chapel, then a separation was demanded from your corporation and a Committee of them was appointed to act. On Monday evening July 23rd a meeting of a portion of the male members of the congregation of Christ Church Chapel was held at No. 1932 Pine Street when certain resolutions were adopted, inviting the refusal of your body to reconsider the resignation of the Assistant Minister and authorizing the Committee to take all necessary steps to secure a charter of incorporation as the Church of the Holy Communion for the congregation of Christ Church Chapel.

On Thursday February 26th and Monday March 1st, a vote of the congregation of Christ Church was taken for or against "a release by your body of all your right, title and interest, in and to the property of Christ Church Chapel, which resulted in fifty-three (53) votes

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being cast against and sixteen (16) votes being cast for separation.

On Tuesday March 9th. 1880, the Committee of a portion of the Congregation of Christ Church Chapel and others, without any authority whatever took and for a time kept forcible possession and still do keep unlawful possession of the Chapel building belonging to Christ Church Parish, (to the erection of which we contributed) and claim to hold the same for the future use of the proposed Church of the Holy Communion, and not for the use of Christ Church Parish, for which the said Chapel was expressly built and established. The application for the Approval of the Charter of the Church of the Holy Communion was presented to the Court on Saturday Mar. 13th. but upon Application being made by us and there it was postponed one week, at which time we, with others, presented to the Court a petition and exceptions against approval, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, setting forth, the same facts as herein stated and objecting to its approval, because the applicants were an integral part of Christ Church under its Charter and were violating the law of the land and the law of the Church, upon which peti-

-tion and exceptions, the Court refused to approve the Charter as presented. On Saturday last the 27th inst. an entirely new Charter was presented to the court for approval, which was ordered to lie over for one week, for us to file exceptions, if we saw fit.

Last evening, March 29th, a meeting of the "congregation worshipping in the building known as Christ Church Chapel" was ~~called~~ held, pursuant to a call of the Committee of the congregation "for the purpose of choosing and calling a Minister, and also to consider and adopt articles of association and organization thereunder." At this meeting the Charter, which was rejected by the Court on March 25th, was adopted as the articles of association, with a preamble reciting that the congregation, has never had any organic connection with Christ Church" and therefore it is expedient that the nominal connection, subsisting between this Congregation and Christ Church should be severed and that "the trustees holding the property heretofore known as Christ Church Chapel have on direction of the Board of Management, transferred the legal title of the same to Three Trustees who hold the said property solely for the benefit of the Con-

gregation worshipping in the building, here
to for known as Christ Church Chapel."

In view of the forgoing facts, most
of which are well known to your body, we
respectfully and earnestly request that
you will take such action as either in
your opinion or under the advice of
counsel, it may be necessary, to pro-
-tect our rights as well as main-
-tain the title of your corporate body
to the Chapel property acquired for the
use of Christ Church.

We are Gentlemen
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servts.
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James X Mott
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Cooper Smith

James West. &
Cooper Smith

March 30. 1880

No. 217 So. Third Street,

Office Hours:

From 11 until 2 o'clock.

Christ Church Hospital

Philadelphia, Oct 6 1880

To the Rector Church Wardens
& Vestrymen of Christ Church.

Gentlemen

The managers at their meeting of Oct 4, considered the draft of a conveyance prepared by their counsel in the matter of the Estate of Maria H Campbell deceased and adopted the following Resolved. That the authorities of Christ Church be requested to authorize their accounting Wardens to attach the seal of the Corporation to this deed

and to any paper or papers
necessary to carry the pro-
posed compromise into effect

Very respectfully
Geo. Hoffman
Secretary
of Board of Managers

Miss Maria H Campbell
died Sept. 2. 1880. Her will
leaving all her estate to
the Hospital after paying $150.
to Lafayette Cemetery was
dated June 7. 1880. The
property consists of three
small houses at 3rd South
subject to Ground Rent of
$76 per ann due C.C.H.
& a Mortgage of $1100.
Her share about 5/9. Her
sister Mrs Rhodes about
4/9. Her mind was much
impaired two weeks before
her death. Caveat entered
by sister.
Compromise agreed to. 03
Mrs Rhodes & husband convey
to G W Hunter in trust

all their interest in trust
to pay them & survivor of
them net income for life
& then to convey in fee to
C C Church for C.C.H.
provided C C H gives to
them & survivor of them
for life Miss Campbell's
share of net income after
paying her just debts &
legacy. They withdraw
the caveat.
All parties join in a deed
to L. McVeety in trust to
effect fulfilment of the
decree the above agreement